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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 6 remain in this application. Claims 11 and 12 have been added. Claims 2 and 3 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations from cancelled claim 3. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 2 and the limitations of claim 1. The remaining claims have been amended to reflect the change in dependency necessitate by the rewriting the claims 1 and 6.
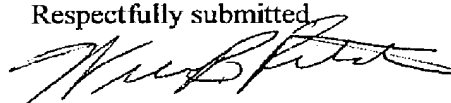
Claims 5 and 7 – 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as having insufficient antecedent basis. The Detailed Description of the Invention has been amended to include the antecedent basis regarding the addition of ballast and the term "centerline" has already been defined in the specification with specificity. See, referenced number 70, Fig. 3, for example. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn. New claim 11 corresponds to amended claim 5 except it depends from claim 6 rather than claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Claims 3 and 6 were acknowledged as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 6, respectively, have been rewritten accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn as well.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment required by this paper to Deposit Account 502694.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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